

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the Final Office Action of September 21, 2004, are earnestly solicited.

Claims 4, 7, 13 and 16 have been amended to be placed in independent form including all of the limitations of their base and any intervening claims. Claims 1—10 and 12—19 remain pending in the application.

Claims 1—3, 6, 10, 12, 15 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Sutton et al. (US Patent 6, 692,052). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner equates Applicants' "localized substantially vertical gap" of Claims 1, 10 and 19 to the arrangement shown in Fig. 5 in conjunction with the specification, column 4, lines 29—31 of Sutton et al. Applicants respectfully note that Sutton et al. discloses a deformable bushing filling any space between the body and frame in Fig. 5, thereby eliminating any "gap" as taught by Applicants. Therefore, Claims 1, 10 and 19 and their respective dependent Claims 2, 3, 6, 12 and 15 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

The amendments to Claims 4, 7, 13 and 16 render previously objected to Claims 4, 5, 7—9, 13, 14 and 16—18 allowable.

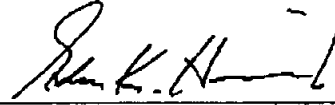
Claims 4, 7, 13 and 16, as amended herein, and Claims 1—3, 5—6, 8—10, 14—15 and 17—19, as previously presented are believed to be in condition for allowance, early acknowledgment of which is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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